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for: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR) Group Art Unit: 3641
REMOVING THE SLIDE OF A SEMI-)
AUTOMATIC PISTOL)
Serial No.: 09/778,490)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2002, the time for response
extending to October 25, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the
existing rejection in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks below.

In the Claims:

Claim 1

Please replace Claim 1 with the following: